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**Career offender is sentenced to 12 & ½ years in
federal prison for two bank robberies**

A federal judge today sentenced **Timothy F. Connor**, 33, most recently of Providence, to 151 months in federal prison for two bank robberies last year, one in Providence and the other in Smithfield.

United States Attorney Robert Clark Corrente announced the sentence, which U.S. District Court Judge Mary M. Lisi imposed in U.S. District Court, Providence. Because of his history of serious felony convictions, Judge Lisi sentenced Connor as a career offender.

In February, Connor pled guilty to two bank robbery charges. At the plea hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney James H. Leavey said that the government could prove that, on March 31, 2005, Connor went into a Bank of America branch on Hope Street, Providence, and handed a teller a note claiming he had a gun and demanding money. The teller gave him \$3,858 and later identified Connor from a photo array.

On April 6, 2005, Connor entered a Sovereign Bank branch on Putnam Pike in Smithfield and handed a teller a note similar to the previous one. The teller gave him \$600 and he fled. Both the teller and a witness identified Connor from a photo array.

On April 8, 2005, a Providence detective called Connor on his cell phone and Connor admitted committing both robberies.

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Connor's prior convictions include car jacking and assault in Massachusetts in 1994 and an armed robbery last year, also in Massachusetts.

Providence Police, Smithfield Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation investigated the Rhode Island bank robberies.

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